Committee Room, City Hall,
June 30th, 1920.

SEVENTEENTH MEETING.

NO. I COMMITTEE meets in the Committee Room, City Hall, on Wednesday, June 30th, 1920, at 4 p.m.
PRESENT: Aldermen Cunningham (Chairman) Bridge, Watkinson, Brighton and J.C.Wilson and His Worship Mayor Little.

405 MINUTES.

The minutes of the sixteenth meeting are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

406 BEDFORD STREET LIGHTS.

H.A.Brazier stating that as he does not think that Bedford Street has yet been adopted as a public highway, he recommends that Mr. H.B.Lee's request for one street light be not granted.

Mr. Leigh addressed the Committee stating that the roads were in a dangerous condition and asked that something be done.

Alderman Bridge moves, and it is adopted, that the matter be referred to No. 2 Committee and the Engineer for report as to what can be done.

407 EAST END HALL PURCHASE.

S.Baker stating that a member of the Orange Society requested him to ask the Council for a price on the East End Hall. They are prepared to make arrangements for the Fire Hall and Public Library. They ask that they be given an oppostunity of discussing the matter with the Council.

Mr. Keays addressed the Committee stating that the Orange Order were willing to consider the proposition for the purchase of the East End Town Hall.

Alderman Bridge moves, and it is adopted, that Building Inspector Piper and Assessment Commissioner grant be requested to report to the Committee on the value of the building.

His Worship the Mayor moves, and it is adopted, that the Fire Cjief and Publid Library Board be asked to submit a report as to the rental for the buildings occupied by them respectively, rental to be for the term of three years, subject to a cancellation clause in three months.

His Worship the Mayor moves, and it is adopted, that upon receipt of the reports above referred to that tenders be called for the purchase of the building, subject to an agreement to be made.

408 TRADES AND LABOR CARNIVAL (see par. 385)

Messrs. Hessell, McKay, et al addressed the Committee asking that they be allowed a refund of the license fee. They submitted the contract with the Show people.

Alderman Bridge moves that the license fee be refunded.

His Worship the Mayor points out that there is no provision in the estimates for this refund.

Alderman Watkinson moves, in amendment, that the matter be laid over to next meeting.

The amendment is adopted.

409 MARKET RENTALS (see par. 294)

His Worship the Mayor moves that the matter of Market rentals be re-considered.

His Worship the Mayor moves, and it is adopted, that Treasurer Bell be asked to submit a report upon the market rentals as at present paid and a recommendation as to proposed increases in rental.

410 POWERS OF COMMITTEE.

S.Baker certifying that the Council had adopted the following motion, viz:

"That the regular meetings of the Council be omitted during the months of July and August; that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the accounts passed by Committees Nos. 1 and 2 and the Housing Commission without waiting for the September meeting, provided the works or supplies have been regularly authorized; and further that the Committees be permitted to deal with minor matters without further authorization during the before mentioned months".

Filed.

411 ARMY AND NAVY VETERANS' LICENSE (see par. 211)

Alderman Watkinson moves, and it is adopted, that the matter be laid over to next meeting.

412 W.C.A. HOME CHARGES (see par. 372, 393)

S.Baker certifying that the Council had referred back the fourth clause of the eleventh report of No. 1 Committee, namely:

"That the per diem rates for the Women's Christian Association Homes be increased from sixty cents per day to ninety cents per day, provided provision be made for the admission of city indigents."

Upon motion the application is filed as there are no funds.

413 WOMEN'S GARDENING ASSOCIATION (see par. 56, 403)

S.Baker certifying that the Council had referred back for appropriation the ninth clause of the eleventh report of No. 1 Committee, viz:

"That the Council be recommended to make a grant of $50.00 to the Women's Gardening Association and that an appropriation be made therefor as there was no provision for same in the estimates".

Miss Carling asking that the Council be impressed with the fact of how very important it is for them to have the long promised grant to the Women's Gardening Association. They were promised it last year, and again repeatedly this year. They have been obliged to spend all their money on ploughing and have depended upon this promised grant for prize money. They have seven community gardens working well and about fifty workers, both men and women. They could not attempt to manage any of the school children this year, but are hoping that the Department of Education will see its way clear to have gardening taught to all school children.

Owing to the general desire of the workers to grow potatoes principally, the plots they have given are large and they have, consequently, fewer workers. The Women's Gardening Association is the only society encouraging gardening this year, so she thinks they have a greater right than in former years to ask that this help be given them by the City Council.

Upon motion the application is filed as there is no provision therefor in the estimates.

414 PUBLIC UTILITIES FUNDS.

E.V.Buchanan asking that the attention of the Council be called to the fact that in order to carry on the work of the Electric and Waterworks Departments, they most urgently require money as requested in their construction estimates for this year. They are heavily overdrawn at the bank, and are now refusing all customers service unless they will advance the money required for this work. This arrangement is unsatisfactory as it discriminates between the man with capital and the man without. They would appreciate some action being taken immediately to enable them to carry on the business of the Commission.

He stated that in the Waterworks Department $250,000 has been spent on construction out of current revenue, while nearly $500,000 has been handed over to the city as surplus after paying all debt charges. In the electrical department over $500,000 has been spent on construction in excess of the debenture issues, from surplus revenues, and in addition $122,000 have been set aside for sinking fund or installments on debentures.

Alderman Bridge moves that the matter be referred to the Chairman and Mayor to report.

Alderman Watkinson moves, in amendment, that no action be taken by the Committee until the Public Utilities Commission have had further opportunities to offer suggestions as to method of providing the necessary funds to the Committee.

The amendment is adopted.

415 SOLDIERS' TAX REMISSION. (see par. 31, 59, 245, 265, 328, 345, 361, 379, 398)

A.Taylor stating that he is surprised to hear that the Council refused his appeal for remittance of taxes. He has been paying taxes at 661 Central Ave. for the last eight years and on account of his disability has been on the strength of the army for the last six months and during that time he rented it to Mrs. Bennett, but he is now living in it himself.

The Clerk states that on examination of the assessment roll it was discovered that Mr. Taylor had rented his property and that his declaration as to ownership and occupancy was incorrect and the application had been refused. It was stated that he had occupied these premises from the first of June and the matter was under consideration.

Filed.

416 CITY GAS MATTERS (see pp. 305, 348, 384)

C.M.Duffield stating that the Directors of the Gas Company are quite willing to permit an audit of their books by the City Auditors, for the purpose of ascertaining the propriety of an increase in the price of gas, or placing a service charge; and will extend to the officials the fullest information in order that they may make a comprehensive report. They desire that the Committee will take steps to have the audit made at the earliest possible date.

The Clerk states that the auditors were at work on the bookds.

Filed.

417 COURT HOUSE AND GAOL AGREEMENT (see par. 9)

The Clerk states that he had received notice in the matter of an arbitration between the Municipal Corporation of the County of Middlesex, and the Municipal Corporation of the City of London that a motion will be made on behalf of the Municipal Corporation of the County of Middlesex before the Hon. Mr. Justice Sutherland at his chambers at Osgoode Hall in the City of Toronto on Wednesday, the 30th day of June, at ten o'clock in the forenoon for an order to appoint a third arbitrator.

The Clerk states that he had advised the City Solicitor as to the consent of the City to the appointment of Judge Wallace and that in all probability the City would ask for the appointment of Judge Macbeth.

Filed.

418 HUMANE SOCIETY REPORT (see par. 30,196)

G.Tustin submitting the following report:

Dogs and cats admitted to the Humane Society's Shelter, 91½ Mt. Pleasant Ave. and destroyed from the 8th day of May,1920 till the 16th

May 8th	Mrs. Clark, Front St. 1 Collie female 3 days destroyed	.30
	Mrs.Johnson,195 Bruce St., 1 fox terrier, 6 days "	.60
	Mr. J.Dunn, Stanley St. 1 spaniel dog 2 days "	.20
	Mrs. Clark, 162 Clarence St., 1 mongrel, 6 days "	.60
	Dr. Wilson, V.S., King St. 1 Boston Bull, 14 days "	1.40
May 9th	Mrs. B.Clark, Clarence St. 1 mongrel, 6 days	.60
	256 Hamilton Rd. 1 collie and ten pups - 20 days	2.60
May 15th	Mrs. Kingsley, 483 King St., 1 Collie dog, 3 days	.60
	Mrs. King, 572 Colborne St., 1 cat, distemper, 1 day	.10
May 11th	Mrs. Clark, Grey St., 1 dog, mange, 1 day	.10
	Mrs. Smith, 405 Pall Mall, 1 cat, mange 1 day	.10
	Mrs. Knight, 811 Talbot St., 1 cat, mange, 1 day	.10
	Mrs. King, 508 Talnot St., 1 collie dog, 3 days	.30
May 16th	Mrs. Upsom, 1073 Florence St. 1 dog female, 4 days	.40
May 18th	Mrs. Johnson, 179 William St., 2 cats distemper 1 day	20
	Mrs. Sims, 335 Wharncliffe Rd., 1 dog, 1 day	.10
	Mrs. Wales, 59 Bruce St., 1 bull dog 2 days	.20
	No owner, from Mr. Bugg, 21 Hamilton Rd., 1 dog, 5 days	.50
	Miss Floyd, 396 Ridout St. 1 dog mange, 2 days	.20
	Mrs. G.Hart, 24 Picton St. 6 pups 3 months 2 days	.60
	Mrs. J.Turner, 10 Wilson Ave., 1 dog, 2 days	.20
	Mrs. E.James, 217 Pipe Line Rd., 1 cat 2 days	.20

ANIMALS FOUND WITH NO OWNERS.

1 dog on west Dundas, 27-5-20, collie with distemper.
1 dog F. on Emery St. 29-5-20, fox terrier, sore eyes.
1 dog F. on Ernest St. 30-5-20, mongrel, very lame.
1 dog F. on Wharncliffe Rd. 3-6-20, half bred bull mange.
1 dog on Ridout St. 5-6-20, mongrel, distemper.
1 dog F. on side of river, 7-6-20 mongrel, broken leg.
1 dog F. on William St. 8-6-20 Mongrel, sores.
1 dog F. on Dundas St. 11-6-20, Terrier, mange.
1 cat on Pall Mall St. 12-6-20, mange.

All these were destroyed at once, and cost the Humane Society about $3.70 expenses.

Filed.

419 MARKET REPORT.

Jas. S.Bell submitting market report for the month of June, viz:

Receipts - Upstairs		$360.00	
	Basement	56.00	
	Spaces	3.50	$419.50
Arrears net - Butcher Pavilion		$40.00	

Former Report	This Report	Total
$2079.50	$419.50	$2499.00

Filed.

420 WARD THREE ASSESSMENT.

S.Grant submitting report on assessment Ward 3 made in 1920 upon which taxes for 1921 may be levied.

The total assessment of Ward No. 3 (annexed district included) for 1920 is: $10,143,739 composed as follows:

	1920	1919	Increase
Land	$3,686,090	$3,468,463	$217,627
Buildings	5,336,675	4,492,536	844,139
Business	713,425	565,929	147,496
Income	407,549	335,478	72,071
	10,143,739	8,862,406	1,281,333
Population	17,893	17,041	752

Filed.

421 ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION.

Ontario Municipal Association submitting program of the twenty-second annual meeting of the Ontario Municipal Association to be held in the City Hall, Toronto, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 1st, 2nd and 3rd,1920.

The membership fee has been paid and the city is entitled to send one delegate. If it is desired to send additional delegates, this is provided for by section 3 of the constitution.

S.Baker certifying that the matter had been referred to No. 1 Committee, with power.

Alderman Bridge moves, and it is adopted, that the matter be referred, with power, to the Mayor and Chairmen of Nos. 1 and 2 Committees.

422 HUNT PROPERTY TAXES.

E.V.Buchanan submitting taxe notices and assessment notice for the Hunt City Mill property. This property was purchased by the Waterworks Department at the request of the City Council. Although every endeavor is being made to lease the buildings and land, no tenant has been found. As the property is owned by the Corporation of the City of London, and so far has been no use to the Public Utilities Commission, they feel that these taxes should be cancelled.

Alderman Bridge moves, and it is adopted, that the matter be referred to Assessment Commissioner Grant and Engineer Brazier to report to No. 1 Committee.

423 HOUSING DEBENTURES (see par. 178,198,312,320,324,330,394)

J.A.Ellis acknowledging letter of the 14th inst. and stating that there will be no further appropriations made by the Government to any municipality whatever for housing purposes.

On May 6th he notified the Clerk by letter that he would recommend that the bonds of the municipality be guaranteed to the extent of $400,000.00 under the provisions of "The Municipal Housing Act,1920". This would mean that the municipality will have to issue and sell its debentures to provide funds for housing purposes under the new Act. Provision is made under this Act, sub-section 5 of section 4, that a municipality may borrow temporarily from a bank or from private persons to provide funds until such time as it knows fairly well what amount of money it will require to issue its debentures for. This is the best method to follow.

It will, of course, be necessary first of all, for the Municipal Council to adopt the act by simply stating as mentioned in the letter of May 6th, the following: "The provisions of "The Municipal Housing Act, 1920" shall apply to this municipality".

If the municipality desires a further $100,000 under the Ontario Housing Act,1919, it will be necessary for the City to pass a further debenture by-law such as stated No. 1 Committee is doing for this amount of money and the money required will be forthcoming upon application for same on progress estimates. To date $132,916 has been advanced to your municipality.

Filed.

424 ADMISSION OF MR. McDOUGALL TO A.P.H.

A.Fields making application for the admission of Mr. McDougall to the Aged People's Home.

Referred to the Mayor and Inspector, with power.

425 LONDON CITY SOCCER LEAGUE GRANT.

London City Soccer League making application for grant.

Upon motion the application is filed as there is no provision therefor in the estimates.

426 A.TAYLOR FINE

Rodd, Wigle & McHugh sending copy of an Order in Council forwarded to him by the Department, wherein it is ordered that a fine of $200 imposed on one, Arthur, in November,1918, for a violation of the Ontario Temperance Act is to be remitted and he is directed by the department to forward a copy of this order to the City of London for filing and asked that a cheque made payable to the order of Arthur Taylor for the $200.00 be sent to them.

Copy of an Order-in-Council approved by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, dated the 10th day of June, A.D., 1920.

Upon consideration of the report of the Board of License Commissioners for Ontario, and upon the recommendation of the Honorable the Attorney General, His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to order and it is hereby ordered that the fine of $200.00 imposed on one Arthur Taylor of Windsor, who was convicted at London in November,1918, of an offence against The Ontario Temperance Act, be remitted.

Upon motion Treasurer Bell is instructed to write the Government pointing out that these funds have been expended and no providion made therefor in the estimates and that there are no funds to pay same and to endeavor to secure a government grant.

427 MIDLAND WRECKING COMPANY.

Midland Wrecking Company asking permission to store lumber at the rear of 184 Simcoe St. previously used as a right of way for the London and Lake Erie Railway. They are wrecking houses and it is necessary to have some place to put same.

Chamber of Commerce stating that the proprietors of the above mentioned lumber yard, Messrs. Leff and Matthews, 184 Simcoe St. have approached them with a view to securing help in allowing their lumber yard to remain in its present location. It appears that the present location is just within the city fire limits, and for that reason may not be allowed to remain there without special permission.

These gentlemen explain that it is necessary for them to have a central location for their business and they are unable to secure a suitable site within a reasonable distance of their present location, and in the event of having to give it up, they will be forced to leave the City. They claim to employ at odd times between forty and fifty men, and in view of this fact, it would seem desireable that an exception to the law should be made in this cases, provided there are no other serious objections. He is merely putting the case before you at their request, as he understands the decision rests with No. 1 Committee.

Upon motion the petition is filed as there is no power.

428 CATTLE SALE.

Col. R. McEwen stating that the Canadian Aberdeen Angus Association have in view the holding of a sale of pure bred cattle about the middle of October next. Some breeders who would be contributing cattle favor the venue being in Guelph where he understands the Winter Fair building can be obtained without expense. There are other breeders again who would prefer to come to London if a portion of the Western Fair buildings and water and light could be obtained free. He would be glad to hear what the city can offer in the way of inducements to hold this sale in London.

The Clerk states that he had been instructed by Mayor Little that the Council and Western Fair would arrange for free use of buildings and for water and light.

Upon motion the matter is referred to the Western Fair Board.

429 FIRE CHIEF'S CONVENTION.

International Association of Fire Engineers inviting the Council to send the Fire Chief to their convention in the City of Toronto, July 26th to 30th, inclusive.

Upon motion the Fire Chief is authorized to attend.

430 LONDON HOSIER COMPLAINT.

London Hosiery Mills Limited submitting copy of letter received to-day from the Mercantile Mutual Fire Insurance Company with regard to their water supply, available in case of fire. That they might answer their inquiries, they asked if the facts contained in their letter are correct and, if not, what are the actual conditions.

A.J. Eddy stating that their advices in regard to the efficiency of the London city water is most disquieting and their Engineers have therefore investigated conditions to confirm or disprove the report. It develops that the water supply is inadequate, that the pressure often drops to ten pounds, that there does not seem to be sufficient water to fill the reservoir, and at best the consumption is about equal to the supply It is quite certain, therefore, that such risks as depend upon the city waterfor their sprinkler protection are in a bad way and if fire should occur when the greatest draft of water is being made, there would be scarcely enough delivery from sprinkler heads.

They regard the matter as very serious, and he asked that his inference be verified, as they believe they are right in the matter. They suggest the desirability of a number of battels of water about the risk so that they may not be left entirely without means of extinguishing a small fire. They suppose the Company has a sufficient number of fire pails, but if not, they might get a few more. The principal thing is to have a goodly number of barrels of water about the plant.

They understand that the new reservois is about two-thirds completed, but to finish it and fill it with water certainly will take a year or more, and they do not count on it.

Nearly all of their risks in London have their own fire pumps or an adequate sprinkler tank, so that even if the city water fails entirely, they will not be absolutely without fire protection. He regrets that their own risk is not in this condition and the only betterment they can suggest at the moment is barrels of water for fire pails use.

Chief Aitken to General Manager Buchanan enclosing copies of letters and asking to be advised as to the reply he should make to the letter.

E.V.Buchanan to Chief Aitken stating that he had received the same letters from the London Hosiery Mills. He has replied to these, both direct to the London Hosiery Mills and to the Mutual Fire Ins. Co. The report of the inspector of the Company is entirely biased, and the shortage of water during the week when he was in the city, was caused to a great extent by the indiscriminate use of hose lines at different factories by the ~~max~~ Inspector.

He enclosed a copy of the letter which he has written to the Mercantial Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

E.V.Buchanan to Mercantile Mutual Fire Insurance Co. stating that he has a copy of a letter sent to the London Hosiery Mills regarding fire protection for the City of London. If the facts set forth in this letter are taken from the report of their inspector, the report is then altogether inaccurate.

The first statement is that the water supply is inadequate. Up

until the time that their inspector visited London we had an unprecedented dry spell there having been no rains since last fall. This caused the consumption of water to exceed seven million gallons per day, while the highest previous record was six and a half million gallons. Just at this cirtical time their inspector can to the city and without consulting the department started tests at various factories, and ran hundred of thousands of gallons of water into the sewer when we could least afford it.

The second statement is that "the pressure often drops to ten pounds". Their inspector saw a chart in his office and at one point the pressure did reach ten pounds, on observing which he was told that the reason for a reduction in pressure during this one night was to conserve water in the reservoir so that there wouldbe ample to fight fires. In order to show that such a pressure condition was most infrequent, the file of charts was immediately produced and placed at his disposal, showing the pressure for a couple of years, wnd with which he seemed to be satisfied.

The next statement is "that there does not seem to be sufficient water to fill the reservoie". The reservoirs of the city have been at no time less than 75% full, and there was always on hand six or seven millions of gallons of water in reserve for fire fighting purposes. This statement is ridiculous in view of the fact that the Commission is at present building two ten million gallon reservoirs, and it is intended to fill these reservoirs without any increased supply.

The next statement "that the new reservoir is about two-thirds completed, but to finish it and fill it with water certainly will take a year or more and we do not count on it". The facts are that we hope to have the reservoir completed before the end of September and filled with water in about four days after completion.

A report like this is, ofcourse, similar to those which they have come in contact with in the past from theFire Underwriters, and they fail to see how inaccurate and biased statements such as these can do anyone any good. Although there have been many fires in London, there is no instance on record where the water supply and pressure were not more than adequate to contend with the fire.

The Commission having control of the Waterworks is alive to the necessity for ample fire protection, hence the reason for the construction of new reservoirs, and the augmenting of the sources of supply. The latter not because the present supply is inadequate, but because the city is growing.

Filed.

431 LONDON SOAP WORKS GRANT.

London Soap Works enclosing cheque for ten dollars which will, in a small way, show their appreciation of the splendid service rendered at their fire a short time ago. The cheque is for the Firemen's Relief Fund.

Upon motion the City Treasurer is authorized to deposit the money to the credit of the Firemen's Benefit Fund and the Company suitably thanked.

432 COLLEGIATE FIRE (see par. 314)

Gordon Philip submitting correspondence regarding the Collegiate fire to the City Council for information.

Copy of letter sent by instruction of the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce to the Ontario Fire Marshal re Collegiate institute fire, and reply received from the Fire Marshal, E.P.Heaton, namely:

"After the Collegiate Institute fire here, the Chamber of Commerce asked for an investigation thereinto to be inaugurated by the City Council. In view of the fact that an investigation was to be conducted by yourself, this request was not advanced. However, from the press reports of the evidence given before you, it would seemthat the original purpose of the enquiry was not such as would necessarily bring out the points of interest to the citizens and satisfy them with regard to the justification or otherwise of certain criticism. We noted your adjournment, and at the resumption we would be very pleased if evidence covering the following, or along the following lines, might be obtained.

What time did the Brigade receive the alarm?

Who responded to the first call - from what station - how many from each - what apparatus with each unity - who took charge - if not Chief in person when did he arrive and take over?

At what time did other members of the Brigade arrive? Give numbers and apparatus.

What was the first chemical apparatus to arrive - what time?

Outline progressively all steps taken from time of arrival. What time was first stream laid, and from what hydrant? Where was it used? What streams followed and from what hydrants - and where used? Note the discontinuance of any streams. If any, why? What greatest number in use and from what hydrants?

After arrival of all brigade what men first left and when?

Describe full conditions existing on arrival of first unit of Brigade.

At what part of the building was fire first approached?

Why was the first and each succeeding streams of water used where they were?

What time was the east doorway opened? What time were ladder and stream placed on west side rear building opposite this doorway? After this line was in operation why was it removed?

Who directed the men as they arrived? Describe the general handling of the Brigade during the fire.

At what time was it decided to use the steam fire engine? How long after the order for its securing before it was in operation. Where was it placed? Who directed its placing?

We realize that after this lapse of time it will be impossible to give actual time of various happenings definitely, but it can be approximated relatively correctly so as to show progress step by step. We would like some citizens called to date the progress of the fireas it appeared to them. The names of these we will furnish you.

Copy of letter of G.Philip, from E.J.Heaton, Fire Marshall.

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 26th with reference to this subject.

The conclusion you have reached from the press reports, as stated in your letter "that the purpose of your original enquiry was not such as would necessarily bring out the points of interest to the citizens, and satisfy them in regard to the justification or otherwise of certain criticisms" is quite correct. The whole purpose and object of our enquiry and indeed the scopy of our authority as limited by law, is to endeavor to determine the cause, origin and circumstances of the fire. It does not extend to investigate the means of subduing the fire, or the efficiency of the fire apparatus, or the conduct of the fire brigade, and I fear therefore that assuming the investigation to be re-opened, which is exceedingly improbable, we shall not be able to take up the questions propounded in your letter.

The matter of the conduct of any civic official or body of men must be investigated by the citizens themselves, or by their duly constituted authority, and any attempt on our part to usurp what must be a municipal privilege or duty, would naturally be resented.

If any new light can be thrown upon the cause, origin and circumstances of the fire itself, we shall be quite ready to re-open the investigation, upon any indication to us of lines upon which additional evidence can be secured, but I regret we cannot re-open for the purpose of investigating the points of inquiry detailed in your letter. We shall be pleased to place at the disposal of any other investigating body the full evidence taken at our own investigation upon receipt of any request therefor.

His Worship the Mayor moves, and it is adopted, that the matter be referred to the Chairman and Alderman Bridge to report upon the cost of conducting an investigation.

433 MILITARY FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

Department of Militia & Defence asking whether it would be possible to instal a fire alarm at Tecumseh Barracks.

In view of the inflammable nature of the Barrack buildings, it is considered very desirable that there should be a direct fire alarm circuit to the Fire Department, and he would like to know if this circuit can be provided and, if so, whether there will be any cost to the Department of Militia and Defence.

Upon motion the matter is referred to the Fire Chief for report.

434 BERESFORD OIL TANK.

Building Inspector Piper and Chief Aitken reporting re the storage of gasoline by the Beresford Oil Co. at 117 King St. After making inspection of these premises they find that the same is dangerous and a menace to that neighborhood and they wish to get the sanction of the Committee to have same removed.

His Worship the Mayor states that the Chief should take such action as he deems necessary.

435 BOARD OF EDUCATION DEBENTURES.

The members of the Board of Education appeared before the Committee asking for a transfer of $16,000 to the Ealing construction account, same to be taken from that provided for Knollwood construction account. The plans of building had been re-arranged.

Alderman Watkinson moves, and it is adopted, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

436 MAIL BOXES ON HURON STREET.

Attention is called to complaints being made as to the removal of certain mail boxes on Huron St.

Upon motion the matter is referred to Engineer Brazier to carry out the provisions of the by-law.

437 HAMILTON CLAIM.

Alderman Bridge referred to the Hamilton claim matter now before the Committee.

Upon motion the Committee adjourned.